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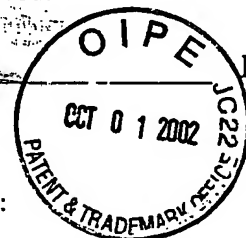
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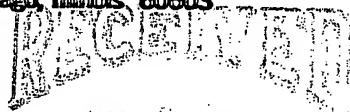
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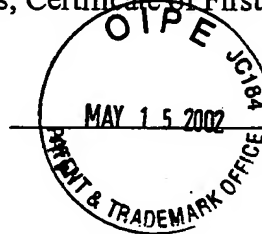
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date and before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the presentation of this information shall not be construed as a representation that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 exists, or as an admission that the information cited in this statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Account No. 20-1495.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

The references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, with the exception of United States Patent Number 5,433,539, were first cited in a European Search Report dated August 13, 2002, copy enclosed, which issued as a result of European patent application No. 02252490.4. United States Patent Number 5,433,539 was cited in a previous Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 10, 2002.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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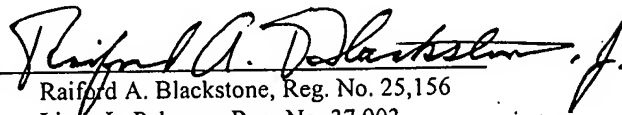
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